



# What is Recursion ?

It is a method in which a function calls itself usually with smaller inputs.

$f(n) \rightarrow f(n-1) \rightarrow f(n-2) \rightarrow f(n-3) \dots$

When a function  $A()$  calls a function  $B()$ , it is called **function calling**.

When a function  $A()$  calls the same function again, it is called a **function calling itself**.

## ? Where Do We Need Recursion?

Choices and decisions are given.



## When to Stop?

$f(n) \rightarrow f(n-1) \rightarrow f(n-2) \rightarrow f(n-3) \rightarrow \dots ?$



## Base Condition

The point where further function calls stop.

Usually based on:

1. **Smallest valid input**
2. **Largest invalid input**

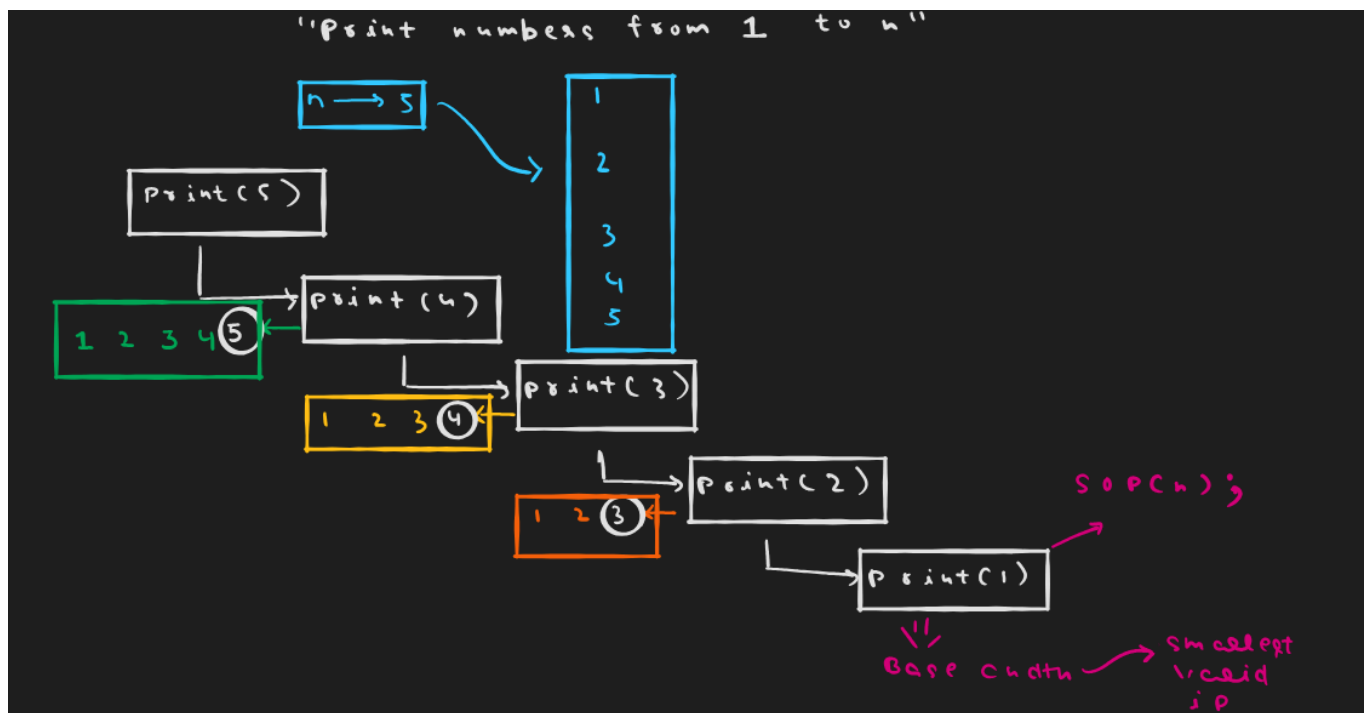
"Recursion works like magic."

$f(n) \rightarrow f(n-1)$

Trust that  $f(n-1)$  will always return a valid output.



## Print Numbers from 1 to n Using Recursion



```

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int n = 5;
    }
}

```

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        printIncreasing(n);
    }

    public static void printIncreasing(int n) {
        if (n == 0) {
            return;
        }
        printIncreasing(n - 1);
        System.out.println(n);
    }
}

```

What is a Recursive Tree ?

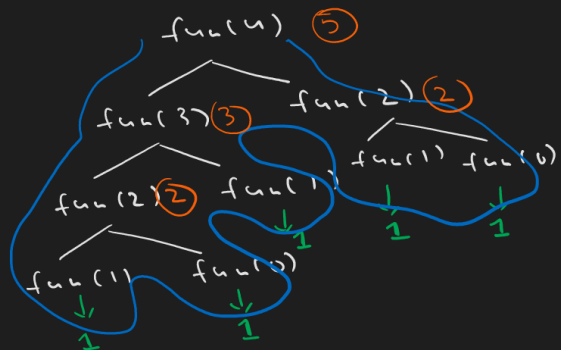
It visualizes the code flow of a recursive code.

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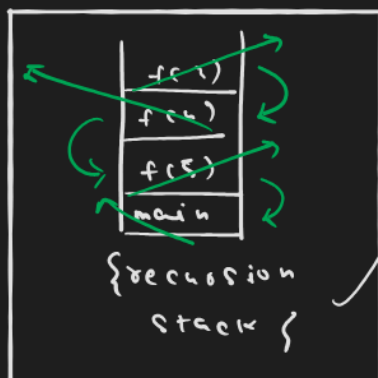
def fun(n):
    if n==1 or n==0:
        return 1
    else:
        return fun(n-1)+fun(n-2)

print(fun(4))

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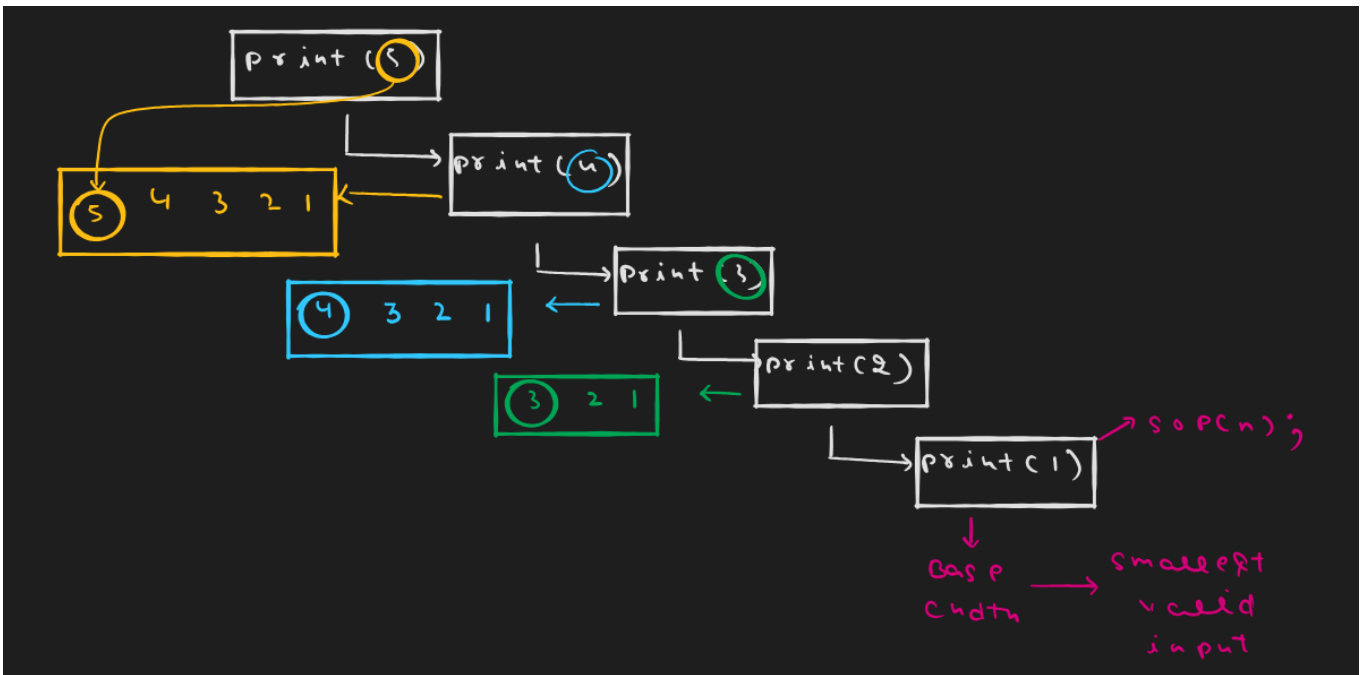


$fun() \longrightarrow fun-1() \longrightarrow fun-2()$



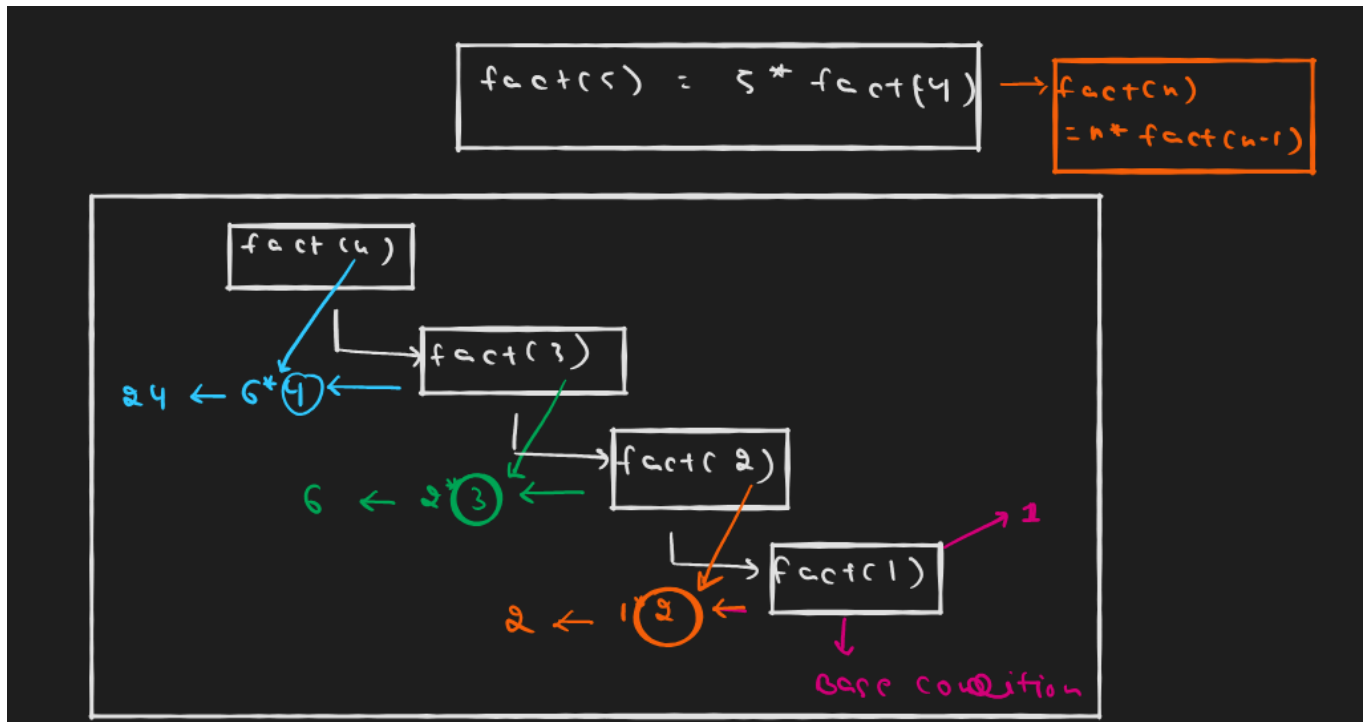
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## Print Numbers from n to 1 Using Recursion



```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int n = 5;  
        printDecreasing(n);  
    }  
  
    public static void printDecreasing(int n) {  
        if (n == 0) {  
            return;  
        }  
        System.out.println(n);  
        printDecreasing(n - 1);  
    }  
}
```

## ✚ Factorial of a Number Using Recursion



```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int n = 5;
        int factorial = fact(n);
        System.out.println(factorial);
    }

    public static int fact(int n){
        if(n==1)
            return 1;
        return n*fact(n-1);
    }
}
```

## ⚡ Power of a Number Using Recursion

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int a = 3;
        int n = 4;
        System.out.println(power(a, n));
    }

    public static int power(int a, int n) {
        if (n == 0) {
            return 1;
        }
        int m = power(a, n - 1);
        return m * a;
    }
}
```

## First Occurrence of a Number in an Array Using Recursion

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[] arr = { 1, 2, 5, 4, 3, 4, 7, 4, 3, 6 };
        int item = 4;
        System.out.println(index(arr, item, 0));
    }

    public static int index(int[] arr, int item, int i) {
        if (i == arr.length) {
            return -1;
        }
        if (arr[i] == item) {
            return i;
        }
        return index(arr, item, i + 1);
    }
}
```

## Check if an Array is Sorted Using Recursion

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[] arr = { 5, 7, 8, 11, 15 };
        System.out.println(isSorted(arr, 0));
    }

    public static boolean isSorted(int[] arr, int i) {
        if (i == arr.length - 1) {
            return true;
        }
        if (arr[i] > arr[i + 1]) {
            return false;
        }
        return isSorted(arr, i + 1);
    }
}
```

## Reverse Words in a String

<https://leetcode.com/problems/reverse-words-in-a-string/>

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String s = "    the sky    is blue    "; // the sky is blue
        System.out.println(s);

        s = s.trim();
        System.out.println(s);

        String[] arr = s.split(" +");
```

```
        // String[] arr = s.split("\\s+");

        // System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr));

        String ans="";
        for(int i=arr.length-1; i>=0; i--) {
            ans = ans + arr[i] + " ";
        }
        ans = ans.trim();
        System.out.println(ans);
    }
}
```

```
class Solution {
    public String reverseWords(String s) {
        s = s.trim();
        String[] arr = s.split(" ");

        String ans = "";
        for(int i=arr.length-1; i>=0; i--) {
            ans = ans + arr[i] + " ";
        }
        ans = ans.trim();
        return ans;
    }
}
```